

# FISCAL NOTE

## HB 485 - SB 1614

February 18, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Increases the cost to employers or employer's insured for medical records from a physician for workers' compensation claims to \$20 for the first 40 pages and 25 cents for each page after the first 40 pages.

### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures – \$5,000/Risk Management Fund**  
**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Exceeds \$5,000\***

Assumptions:

- Doubles the cost from the current rate of \$10 for the first 20 pages and 25 cents per page after the 20<sup>th</sup> page.
- The state pays an average of less than \$5,000 for copies of medical records and it would double the cost to a total of less than \$10,000.
- TML Risk Management Pool processes detailed bills and charges for the initial detailed bill and notes.

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

### CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director